

Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers. Parking is limited in Grand Canyon Village. Park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to program locations. All program times are Mountain Standard; Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time. Outdoor programs may be cancelled during inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight for programs after 6 pm. ****For all hikes, bring 2 quarts (liters) of water, sunscreen, hat, snacks, and sturdy hiking shoes.** Programs in blue take place 25 miles (40 km) east of Grand Canyon Village in the Desert View area.



=Appropriate for families with children

Time	Programs	Meeting Location	Duration	Notes
7 am	Cedar Ridge Hike Discover the canyon's beauty while descending 1,120 feet (340 m) on an unpaved trail. This strenuous 3-mile (5 km), round-trip hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking.**	South Kaibab Trailhead	3–4 hours	Trailhead closed to vehicles; use Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle
8 am	 Adventure Hike Explore the inner canyon on this strenuous, 2-mile, round-trip hike on the Hermit Trail. This hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Board the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus by 7 am.**	Hermits Rest (at the bell)	2–3 hours	Starts June 9; for ages 9 and older
8:30 am	Guided Hike Hike a less-traveled route along the rim. You may choose to return hike, continue on to Hermits Rest, or ride the shuttle bus.**	Hermits Rest Route Transfer Stop	Park ranger present for 2 hours	
8:30 am	Ranger on the Rim: Climate Change and Fire Ecology Stop by anytime between 8:30 am and 10:30 am to learn about park science and current research.	Pipe Creek Overlook	2 hours	Accessible
9 am	 Natural Wonders Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Topics include the plants, animals, or natural features that make the canyon grand.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center (flagpole)	30 minutes	Starts June 9
9:30 am	Fossil Walk Stroll through an ancient ocean of marine creatures on this 0.5-mile (0.8 km), one-way walk along the rim.	Bright Angel Lodge (rim side patio)	1 hour	Parking is limited
10 am	 Walk on the Wild Side Explore the natural world of Grand Canyon during this 0.5-mile (0.8 km) walk through the forest to the canyon rim. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy shoes advised.	Shrine of the Ages	1 hour	Starts June 9 and ends August 10
11 am	Geology Walk Discover Grand Canyon's amazing geologic story. Why is it so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here and nowhere else in the world?	Yavapai Geology Museum	1 hour	Accessible
11 am	Ancestral Puebloan Walk Learn how ancient residents found everything they needed to live.	Tusayan Museum	30 minutes	Accessible
1 pm	Ranger on the Rim: California Condor Stop by anytime between 1 pm and 3 pm to learn about park science and current research.	Hopi Point	Park ranger present for 2 hours	
1 pm	 Storytime Adventure Hear children's books about Grand Canyon with props and interactive games that bring the stories to life.	El Tovar Porch (rim side)	30 minutes	Starts June 9; for ages 2–6
1:30 pm	Ancestral Puebloan Walk Learn how ancient residents found everything they needed to live.	Tusayan Museum	30 minutes	Accessible
1:30 pm	Geology Talk Learn how Grand Canyon formed while getting an impressive view of the rocks from the Grand Canyon Supergroup.	Lipan Point	20 minutes	Parking is limited
1:30 pm	History Walk Discover stories of people's enduring relationship with the canyon and take a short walk around the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers.	Verkamp's Visitor Center	1 hour	Parking is limited
2 pm	 Critter Chat Come learn about Grand Canyon's cute, fuzzy, scaly, and venomous wildlife. Perfect for train passengers.	Verkamp's Visitor Center	30 minutes	Starts June 9 and ends August 10
2:30	 Rails, Trails, and Tall Tales Hear tales of early park visitors' adventures getting to Grand Canyon by horseback, stagecoach, train, mule, and car. Perfect for train passengers.	Train Depot	30 minutes	
3 pm	Ranger on the Rim: Colorado River Stop by anytime between 3 pm and 5 pm to learn about park science and current research.	Hopi Point	Park ranger present for 2 hours	Accessible
3 pm	 Geo-glimpse Learn how Grand Canyon formed while exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Consider walking the Trail of Time following the program.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	Accessible
3:30 pm	 Natural Wonders Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Topics include the plants, animals, or natural features that make the canyon grand.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center (flagpole)	30 minutes	Starts June 9
3:30 pm	Snapshot Talk Explore a moment in time and learn about Grand Canyon's immense natural and cultural resources.	Tusayan Museum	20–30 minutes	Accessible
4 pm	 Kids Rock Join in on fun games and activities exploring Grand Canyon's natural world with programs about fire ecology, water, insects, bats, people of the past, and much more.	Shrine of the Ages	1–1.5 hours	Starts June 9
4:30 pm	Condor Talk Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona.	Lookout Studio	45 minutes	Parking is limited
4:30 pm	The Canyon in Focus Walk along a less-traveled section of the canyon rim. Experience how this incredible landscape inspired American Indians, explorers, pioneers, scientists, and artists.**	South Kaibab Trailhead	1 hour	Trailhead closed to vehicles; use Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle
6 pm	Ranger on the Rim: Grand Canyon Sunset Stop by anytime between 6 pm and 8 pm to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Grand Canyon with a park ranger.	Hopi Point	Park ranger present for 2 hours	Tuesday to Sunday; Accessible
6 pm	Active Trails Stretch your legs, have some fun, and explore some less-visited areas of the South Rim while learning about the Grand Canyon community.**	Park Headquarters	2–4 hours	Mondays only; bring a flashlight
6:30 pm	Campfire Program Experience a traditional family campfire program and learn what Grand Canyon offers.	Mather Campground Sage Loop Campfire Circle	1 hour	Starts May 23 and ends August 10
One hour before sunset	Twilight Talk Discover more about one of the canyon's extraordinary features. Wear weather-appropriate clothing. See page 2 for sunset times.	Desert View Point	45 minutes	
8:30 pm May to July 8 pm Aug and Sept	Evening Program Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics.	McKee Amphitheater	1 hour	Trails to the amphitheater are paved; short sections exceed 5% grade.